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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6521

BILL NUMBER: SB 85

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BILL AMENDED: Apr 29, 2011

SUBJECT: Graduation Rate Study.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Leising

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Behning

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates the Education Issues Study Committee to study the causes of low graduation rates in Indiana high schools and to identify and highlight certain ways of improving graduation rates.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill creates the Education Issues Study Committee to study the issues related to high school graduation rates. The committee is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$9,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members, and \$16,500 per interim for committees with 16 members or more.

The committee shall do the following:

- (1) Study the causes of low graduation rates in Indiana high schools.
- (2) Identify best practices that increase graduation rates in high schools.
- (3) Highlight training and technical assistance opportunities for high schools to effectively address low graduation rates.
- (4) Study the impact that school counselors, teachers, school administrators, and parents have on graduation rates.
- (5) Study any additional topics assigned by the Legislative Council.

The bill directs the committee to submit a final report to the Governor, the Legislative Council, and the

Education Roundtable.

Background - Graduation Rates: According to the DOE, in 2010, 36 percent of public high schools had a graduation rate of between 90 and 100 percent; 2 percent (9 schools) had a graduation rate of less than 50 percent; 6 percent (21 schools) had a graduation rate between 50 and 70 percent. Approximately 84 percent of high school students graduated within four years.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Council.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Department of Education website, <http://www.doe.in.gov/gradrate/>.

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